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THE FOL TEL FROM SECSTATE WASHDC DATED FEB 22, 1974 TO
KATHMANDU INFO NEW DELHI IS REPTED: QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, NP
SUBJECT: NARCOTICS SMUGGLING

NEW DELHI FOR DEA

1. IN CALL ON COUNTRY DIRECTOR LAINGEN FEBRUARY ,
AMBASSADOR KHANAL REQUESTED DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN
ARRANGING FOR DISPOSAL OF A SHIPMENT OF HASHISH WHICH HAD
BEEN ADDRESSED TO THE PERMANENT MISSION OF NEPAL TO THE
UN AND WHICH WAS CURRENTLY AT HIS RESIDENCE. DEPARTMENT
CONTACTED DEA HEADQUARTERS WHICH IMMEDIATELY SENT
WASHINGTON DISTRICT AGENT-IN-CHARGE TO PICK UP PARCEL AT
KHANAL'S RESIDENCE. IN SUBSEQUENT PHONE CALL TO DESK

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OFFICER, SECOND SECRETARY JOSHI INFORMED US TRANSFER WENT

WELL AND GON WOULD BE ADVISED OF OUR PROMPT COOPERATION.

2. KHANAL SAID MILITARY ATTACHE THAPA, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM GON, WHICH SUSPECTED PARCEL CONTAINED NARCOTICS HAD GONE TO NEW YORK LAST WEEK TO "INTERCEPT PACKAGE" AND BROUGHT IT TO WASHINGTON. ACCORDING TO KHANAL, DELAY IN REPORTING MATTER TO US DUE TO HIS WAITING FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM GON. HE ADDED THERE WAS NO RETURN ADDRESS OR INDIVIDUAL ADDRESSEE ON THE PACKAGE THOUGH HE THOUGHT GON MIGHT HAVE MORE INFORMATION ON ITS ORIGIN. HE INDICATED GON WAS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION IN KATHMANDU AND REQUESTED INCIDENT BE CLOSELY HELD TO AVOID

OBVIOUS EMBARRASSMENT AND POSSIBLE JEOPARDIZING OF ONGOING INVESTIGATION. LAINGEN AGREED AND SO ASSURED HIM.

3. FYI ONLY: DEA ADVISES US SHIPMENT CONSISTED OF AN ALUMINUM FOOT LOCKER LABELLED AS UNPROCESSED FILM AND ACTUALLY CONTAINING 25 FOUR-POUND BRICKS OF HASHISH AND TWO PACKAGES OF UNPROCESSED FILM. TOTAL WEIGHT 91.7 POUNDS WITH AN ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE OF \$100,000. DEA TOLD KHANAL IT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION GON COULD PROVIDE ON INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OF SHIPMENT IN U.S., IF IT WAS CONVENIENT FOR GON TO DO SO. END FYI.

4. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE. RUSH

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